

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph at page 1, after the title of the application:

This application is the U.S. national phase application of PCT International Application No. PCT/GB02/05905, and claims priority of British Patent Application No. 0200891.0.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the present invention at least part of the tail gas is used for combustion in a gas turbine to provide power for the process. This leads to benefits in process power efficiency and may result in significant plant cost savings because the need for a high-pressure steam turbine plant may be significantly reduced or eliminated.